**BPL families in Rajasthan**

1216. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Below Poverty Line families in Rajasthan have been identified for the coverage under the Antyodaya Scheme;

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof;

(c) whether a study has been conducted to know the purchasing powers of these families; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to prevent diversion of Antyodaya foodgrains to black markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Details of district-wise families identified under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) as reported by the State Government of Rajasthan is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) No, Sir. guidelines on identificaiton of beneficiaries and implementation of AAY have been issued to the State Government. The States have been asked to finalise the list of Antyodaya beneficiaries in the Gram Sabhas.

In order to streamline the functioning of the Public Distribution System (including the Antyodaya Anna Yojana) and make it more accountable and effective, Government of India has issued the Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2001 on 31.8.2001. The Order contains detailed provisions on identification of beneficiaries, issue of ration cards, licensing of Fair Price Shops, distribution arrangements and monitoring. Under clause 6(4) of the Order, relating to distribution, any authority or person diverting foodgrains shall be liable for punishment. An offence committed in violation of the provisions of this Order shall invoke criminal liability under Section 7 of the Essential Commodities Act.

## Statement

*Details of District-wise Antyodaya families Identified in Rajasthan*

| S.No. | Name of the District | No. of Antyodaya Families |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Ajmer | 11158 |
| 2. | Alwar | 13473 |
| 3. | Banswara | 27613 |
| 4. | Baran | 8183 |
| 5. | Barmer | 13459 |
| 6. | Bharatpur | 8740 |
| 7. | Bhilwara | 17882 |
| 8. | Bikaner | 9995 |
| 9. | Bundi | 8057 |
| 10. | Chittorgarh | 22542 |
| 11. | Churu | 13371 |
| 12. | Dausa | 7110 |
| 13. | Dholpur | 5989 |
| 14. | Dungarpur | 21326 |
| 15. | Ganganagar | 7576 |
| 16. | Hanumangarh | 8132 |
| 17. | Jaipur | 12208 |
| 18. | Jaisalmer | 3483 |
| 19. | Jalor | 11201 |
| 20. | Jhalawar | 9687 |
| 21. | Jhunjhunu | 5648 |
| 22. | Jodhpur | 6902 |
| 23. | Karoli | 11059 |
| 24. | Kota | 8004 |
| 25. | Nagaur | 10470 |
| 26. | Pali | 11180 |
| 27. | Rajsamand | 9737 |
| 28. | Sikar | 5854 |
| 29. | Sirohi | 6389 |
| 30. | S. Madhopur | 9313 |
| 31. | Tonk | 10358 |
| 32. | Udaipur | 36502 |
| | TOTAL | 372601 |